



November 30, 2021

Dear King Members, Friends, and Family:

With the colder weather comes the inevitable coughs, sore throats, and sniffles. This year, be aware that these symptoms could be the result of COVID-19. If you feel sick, please stay home.

Since we last updated you in our letter on November 22, we have had 1 member and 1 employee test positive for COVID-19. Currently, we have 5 cases of COVID-19 on campus (1 member, 4 employees).

With November and December upon us, we understand that families will be observing various holidays. We would like to remind you that when members leave campus to be with family or if visitors are planning to come to campus, you must exercise caution in order to help keep the members and staff on campus safe and healthy. For members who choose to leave campus, wearing masks, avoiding crowds, and observing social distancing are imperative. I'd also like to remind members and families that masks are to be worn at all times when visiting. Eating with a member is not allowed at this time as that would require your mask to be removed. While we want you all to be able to enjoy this special time together, we must all be extra vigilant.

Finally, many of you may have heard that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a rule requiring staff, volunteers, and contractors to be vaccinated in order to work on our campus. Data has shown that COVID-19 case rates among long term care facility residents are lower in facilities with higher vaccination coverage. Further, the COVID-19 vaccine has proven safe, effective, and is readily accessible. Since day one, we have adhered to rules set by CMS and followed the guidance set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with regard to COVID-19 in an effort to protect our employees and the people we care for from this potentially deadly virus. Letting the experts guide our decisions and actions has been very effective and we will continue to do so.

Thank you for your commitment to our health and safety.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant